

8th November 2024

**Our School Christian Vision: 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'**

*Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25: 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'*



## CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: PEACE



### Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to Term Two - one of our busiest terms of the year as we approach CHRISTMAS! I have already heard Christmas songs being rehearsed and the PTA are busy organising the school fete for the 23rd of November. Please make sure you check the 'diary dates' section of Purple Pages to keep up to date with everything that is going on.



Our Christian Value this term is 'peace'. On Monday we explored what peace means and where we might find moments of peace in our busy lives. Over the next few weeks the children are going to be focussing on peace during their class worships and some have already created some lovely peace gardens to show their understanding of this term's value.

This week we have had our final two open mornings for prospective parents 25/26. If you know of anyone who has not yet visited and would like to then please ask them to contact the School Office and we can arrange a tour. Our Year Six House Captains did a great job of showing our visitors around with many commenting on how the children were clearly very proud of their school.

Next Monday we are inviting children to come into school in their school uniform with an addition of red, for example red socks, a red tie or a red hairband. Pupils who belong to organisations such as the Guiding and Scouting groups are invited to wear those uniforms.

We will be holding a two-minute silence at 11am to remember those who have lost their lives fighting for their country. Monday also marks the start of anti bullying week, this year's theme is 'choose respect' which fits nicely with our three golden rules. The children will be doing activities in their classes around this theme and the School Council will be involved in activities at playtime linked to it.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs West-Gaul*

### Dates for Your Diary

#### November

- 11th Wear Red, Poppy Appeal
- 13th Flu Vaccinations
- 14th Year Six Information Evening for Parents  
(Please note change of date)
- 23rd PTA Christmas Fete, 11am–2pm
- 27th INSET Day

#### December

- 4th Year One Nativity, 5pm
- 10th Year Two 'Carols by Candle-light', 3.15pm, St. John's Church
- 11th Reception Nativity, 1.30pm
- 12th Christingle Service, 3.30pm, St. John's Church
- 13th PTA Elfridges
- 18th Christmas Services at St. John's Church,  
9am: Seedlings, Acorns, Ash, Chestnut, Hazel, Maple, Pine, Sycamore.  
2pm: Birch, Elm, Holly, Oak, Rowan, Willow
- 20th PTA Non-uniform Day



## Awards & Achievements

### Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award.

	Star of the Week (24/10/24)	Star Readers (24/10/24)	Star of the Week (8/11/24)	Star Readers (8/11/24)
<b>Acorns</b>	Daisy Lexi	-	Alfie Bonnie	Lexi Millie
<b>Ash</b>	Ayda	Jack	Hudson	Leo W
<b>Birch</b>	Eva	Katie	Beya	Lottie
<b>Chestnut</b>	Poppy-Rose	Harry	Alfie	Poppy-Rose
<b>Elm</b>	Blake	Willow	Daisy	Casey
<b>Hazel</b>	Bella	George	Aoife	Harry
<b>Holly</b>	Aurelia	Samantha	Lola	Corey
<b>Maple</b>	Ezra	Bethany	Soraya	Millie
<b>Oak</b>	Mollie	Max	Maisie	Aoife
<b>Pine</b>	Luca	Reggie	Avery	Oliver
<b>Rowan</b>	Isla	Jack D	Jacob	Maisy
<b>Sycamore</b>	Mason F	Ruben	Finley	Frankie
<b>Willow</b>	Arthur	Lawson	Rocco	Bella



**Top Doodling  
Class**

**24/10/24:**

**1B**

**8/11/24:**

**3A**

**Well done!**



### Hot Chocolate Friday



St John's CofE Primary  
Redfield Road  
BA3 2JN

# Christmas Fete

Come and join us

+ NOV | 23 | 11-2PM +

Santa's Grotto  
Tombola & Stalls  
Hot Turkey or Pigs in Blanket Rolls  
Hot Drinks  
Fun Games  
Choir performing Carols  
Raffle

Kids Passport Available £5  
(save £1 if purchased)



## PE Stars of the Week:

### Last Week of Term 1:

Year 6 Sycamore - Frank  
Year 6 Willow - Nyla and Noah  
Year 5 Rowan - Olivia  
Year 5 Pine - Amber and Reggie  
Year 4 Oak - Louie and Freya  
Year 4 Maple - Amelia and Kobe  
Year 3 Holly - Darcey  
Year 3 Hazel - Sam  
Year 2 Elm - Ayda and James  
Year 2 Chestnut - "Class star of the day"  
Year 1 Ash - Oliver and Ayda  
Year 1 Birch - Aidie and Lottie

### Week Beginning 4th November:

Year 6 Sycamore - Frank  
Year 6 Willow - Jacob and Isabelle  
Year 5 Rowan - Matthew  
Year 5 Pine - Ella  
Year 4 Oak - Albie and Indigo  
Year 4 Maple - Isaac and Brie  
Year 3 Holly - Noah and Matilda  
Year 3 Hazel - Nancy and Lucas  
Year 2 Elm - Blake and Libby  
Year 2 Chestnut - Harry and Daisy  
Year 1 Ash - Jack  
Year 1 Birch - Katie

### Term 1 Inter-house Tournaments:

Tag rugby for Years 3 and 4. Dodgeball for Years 5 and 6. Well done to the house winners:

Year 6 Sycamore - Red House: Mason F, Kara, Poppy, Jake and Reggie  
Year 6 Willow - Red House: Mollie, Izzy, Lucy, Rocco, Alfie and Reed  
Year 5 Rowan - Red House: Teddy, Maizie, Jude, Poppy W, Poppy H, DeWet, and Mabel  
Year 5 Pine - Green House: Bo, Grayson, Charlie, Oliver, Rudi, and Poppy  
Year 4 Maple - Red House: Charlie, Zena, Dolly, Tommy H and Ezra  
Year 4 Oak - Green House: Jesse, Josh, Jack B, Freya, Darcy and Thomas  
Year 3 Hazel - Green House: Harry, Emily, Sophia L, Imogen, Finn and Kallie  
Year 3 Holly - Yellow House: Orië, Jaxon, Betsy, Evie, and Auriella

## Out of School Achievements

Sidney from Sycamore Class has competed in Baskervilles Autumn competition representing Withlington gym club.

He received bronze on bar and came 5th overall in his group.



Harry (Oak Class) was pleased to receive the Star of the Week trophy - boys junior development gymnastics group.



## Reading in Seedlings



Children in Next Steps Nursery have enjoyed the story 'Pumpkin Soup'. The story is an autumnal themed tale about the importance of sharing.

When Cat, Duck and Squirrel work together to make soup, it doesn't quite go to plan, and before long, the squabbles have set in! After realising the value of their friendship and how important it is to each other, they forgive and learn to let the un-important things go.

We used puppets and props to help re-tell the story and explored pumpkins in our play! We have also used the moral of the story as the basis of our PSHE learning; talking about sharing things and being kind to one another.



## Reading in Year Six

This term in Year Six, we are reading 'Warrior Boy' by Virginia Clay. This is a story of adventure, in which a schoolboy from London finds himself embarking upon a very special journey through the Kenyan wilderness to learn more about himself and his father's family (many of whom are Maasai warriors!).

This story links perfectly to our learning in Geography and English this term, whereby we will be further exploring the Maasai Mara National Reserve and its importance to Kenya and the wider world.

Here are the children's thoughts on the story so far (we're already five chapters in!).

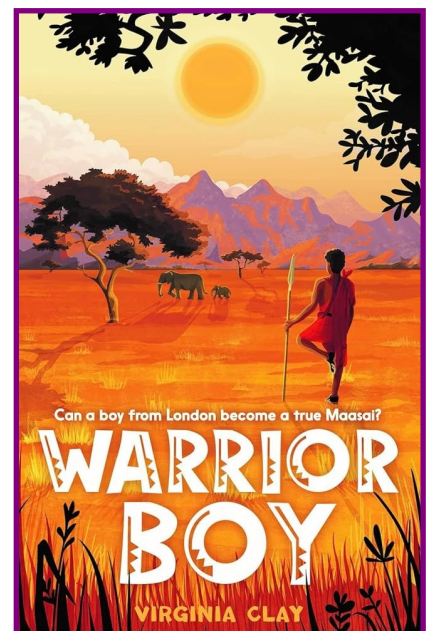
"I like how the story is very descriptive and the author has used lots of exciting language - I really love it!" Kara.

"I think the storyline so far has been really captivating and the setting (the Savannah) is amazing." - Mason

"I like that we are able to find out more information about Kenya through this story - it is really interesting." - Phoebe

"I think it is an exhilarating journey through the heart of Kenya." - Ruben.

"I think it has been really good so far and I am really keen to find out what happens next. I predict that Ben will overcome his phobia of blood at some point in the story." - Frank.



## SEND Information

Please find attached to this week's Purple Pages an information sheet on ADHD

### Specialist Autism Support Service

The Specialist Autism Support Service has their next CYGNET core course coming up soon, starting from Thursday, November 7th. It then continues on November 14th, 21st, 28th, December 5 and 19th, from 9.30am to 11.45am at Fosse Way School, Longfellow Road, Radstock BA3 3AL.

### Training for parents and carers

## Barnardo's CYGNET

### Autism Support:

A Programme for Parents and Carers of Autistic Children aged 5 - 18



Thursdays, November 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th December 5th and 19th  
from 9.30am to 11.45am

Fosse Way School,  
Longfellow Road,  
Radstock BA3 3AL

The Barnardo's Cygnet programme is facilitated by two members of the SASS team, providing support for parents and carers of autistic children and young people aged 5-18, who are educated in B&NES.

This programme is helpful both for families who have recently received an autism diagnosis, alongside those who have been on their autism journey for some time and wish to develop their understanding of autism further.

'Parents of autistic children face the usual positive and difficult challenges of parenting and quite a few more. Attending a Cygnet autism support programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and consider ways to support their child. It also provides the

opportunity to meet other people in a similar position and hear about their experiences in an informal but supportive atmosphere.' - <https://barnardos-parenting.org.uk/>

Cygnet is a six week programme that provides a mixture of information to read, activities to complete, questions to reflect upon, links to sources of further information and handouts that summarise some of the key learning points. The sessions include: Introductory session; An overview of autism with parent and carer experience; Thinking and Sensory; Social Interaction and Communication; Understanding and supporting behaviour; Analysing behaviour; Group choice. If you would like more information about Cygnet, please contact [sass@fossewayschool.com](mailto:sass@fossewayschool.com)

**To book please email [training@thepartnershiptrust.com](mailto:training@thepartnershiptrust.com)**



Fosse Way School



Bath & North East Somerset Council

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## VOLUNTEER WITH US!



SENDIAS Bathnes offers free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people between the ages of 0 to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers.

### Could you be a Parent Champion?

We are now recruiting for volunteers to join our friendly and professional team

Parent Champions give a few hours a week / fortnight to chat to other families about what we do and which other services are available locally

These are flexible roles during term time and training and support are provided

For further information and to apply please visit [sendiasbathnes.org.uk/volunteer-us](http://sendiasbathnes.org.uk/volunteer-us)

Closing date: 23rd November 2024

Call us: 01225 394382  
Email us: [sendias@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:sendias@bathnes.gov.uk)  
Text: 07530263401

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## Children's Occupational Therapy Advice Line

Do you have any questions about a child or young person's ability to carry out daily tasks and activities?

**01225 82 6659**  
The first and second  
Tuesday of each month.  
2pm – 4pm

Our Advice Line is open to Parents / Carers, Schools, Nursery and Healthcare professionals of children who have a **BANES GP**



If the child is already on our Waiting List or is known to BANES OT Service, and you would like to speak to a member of the Occupational Therapy team, please contact 01225 82 4220.

The RUH, where you matter



## Citizenship and Character Award

We are really excited to be launching an updated version of the Citizenship and Character Award. Today, all children will be bringing home their new passport, which is full of lots of new, exciting activities for everyone to have a go at during their free time, both in school and out of school.

For those of you that are new to St. John's, the Citizenship and Character Award provides children with opportunities to try new activities, develop their personal skills and overcome challenges. Here at St. John's, it also gives us the chance to celebrate the children's achievements outside of the usual school curriculum. To achieve the Bronze Award, children must complete three activities from each of the five strands. Children should inform their teachers once they have done this. We're all very excited to hear about what the children are getting up to!

To get things started, why not ask your child to wash your car this weekend! This will tick off their first activity on the 'Local Me' strand.

## Sport at St. John's

### Netball

Last term, we attended the large school's netball tournament at Somervale School. The team did amazingly - winning 2 games out of 4, with wins over Midsomer Norton and Paulton.

The girls played fantastically, scoring some excellent goals and working superbly as a team.



### Girls Football



On Wednesday night, children who have been a part of our Girls football club, took part in a football tournament at Norton Hill School.

They played amazingly against St Benedict's and Farrington, before a brilliant knock out game against Kilmersdon.

It has been amazing to see them grow in confidence through the club and enjoy themselves on the pitch.





It's Competition Time!



Happy Friday from the Rota Kids! Last term, the Rota kids organised their annual cake competition and what an incredible turnout we had! Thank you to all those who entered as well as donated. We were inundated with cakes and not a single one was left thanks to your generosity. We managed to raise £177 which is an

incredible achievement! This will go towards the Salvation Army which has been chosen by the Rota kids. Please see below for some of the beautiful entries that we had including our KS2 winner Zena, and our KS1 winner Leo. Congratulations to you both and well done to everyone involved!



You are invited to enjoy  
Bath Lights the Night  
23rd November



Bath Lights the Night  
5pm - 6pm

Join us and Bath Carnival in a musical tour of the city lit by beautiful handmade lanterns and giant animal puppets created by local children and groups including Achieve Together and Bath Spa Students.



Celebration at the Abbey  
6pm - 7pm

Featuring the Head Rush Brass Band, comedian Jarred Christmas and music from gifted local performers.

Tickets are free, there will be a retiring collection in aid of Bath Carnival.

Book here:

[welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night/](http://welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night/)



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Find out what Clubs, Hubs & Camps we have available at your school and in the local area at [www.bristol sport foundation.org](http://www.bristol sport foundation.org).





# Christmas Art Trail



Make a piece of Art for the Christmas Art Trail in shop windows

The theme is Christmas Shopping & Gifts



Take completed work to Unit 14, South Road, MSN  
01761 419133 **contact** manager@mnct.co.uk  
07903951168

Deadline for entries **Monday 25th November**  
**Trail** 28 November to 28 December



## At Julian House, our community is our greatest strength.

Your support this Christmas can help to sustain our services and expand our impact to help individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Heading into 2025 funding for much-needed homelessness services is at risk. With deep cuts to public funding now a very real threat, Julian House relies on community fundraising to keep our doors open.

As we celebrate the festive season, we are inviting our community to consider donating to the Julian House Christmas Appeal. It is only through the continued generosity of our supporters that we can keep our services running and ensure that no one is left behind.

Thank you for all your amazing support.

Please email [gavin.osborn@julianhouse.org.uk](mailto:gavin.osborn@julianhouse.org.uk) if you need any help with your fundraising.

Bath & North East Somerset Council  
Improving People's Lives

## IMAGINE Midsomer Norton

There are opportunities to improve the town centre, and we want to ensure that it continues to be a vibrant place for residents and businesses. IMAGINE Midsomer Norton is all about giving you the chance to have your say and help build a vision for a newly imagined town centre.

Have your say by joining us at:

- 1** Farmers Market Pop-Up & Family Activities (booking advised)  
Saturday 2nd November | 9am-1pm | The Hollies Gardens
- 2** Library Pop-Up  
Wednesday 13th November | 10am-1pm | Midsomer Norton Library
- 3** Local Voices for People and Planet - Community Conversation  
Wednesday 20th November | 5.30pm-8pm | Methodist Church
- 4** Christmas Market Pop Up & Family Activities  
Thursday 28th November | 5pm-7pm | The Hollies Gardens

For more information, bookings, and to add your ideas to our interactive map, visit our website or scan the QR code.

[www.bathnesregen.co.uk](http://www.bathnesregen.co.uk)

## Baton Twirling Team/Majorettes

WE ARE RECRUITING FOR OUR DINKIES TEAM

TRAINING TIMES: FRIDAYS, 4.30pm - 5.30pm\* at Stratton on the Fosse Village Hall

Boys and Girls welcome: AGES: 4 to 6 years

## OPEN SESSION

FRIDAY  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2024 - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

**IMPROVE ON**

- CONFIDENCE
- FINE MOTOR SKILLS
- FLEXIBILITY
- CO-ORDINATION
- TEAMWORK
- BALANCE
- SELF-DISCIPLINE
- CROSS OVER
- ABILITY
- FITNESS
- STAMINA
- STRENGTH

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Over 40 years twirling experience

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